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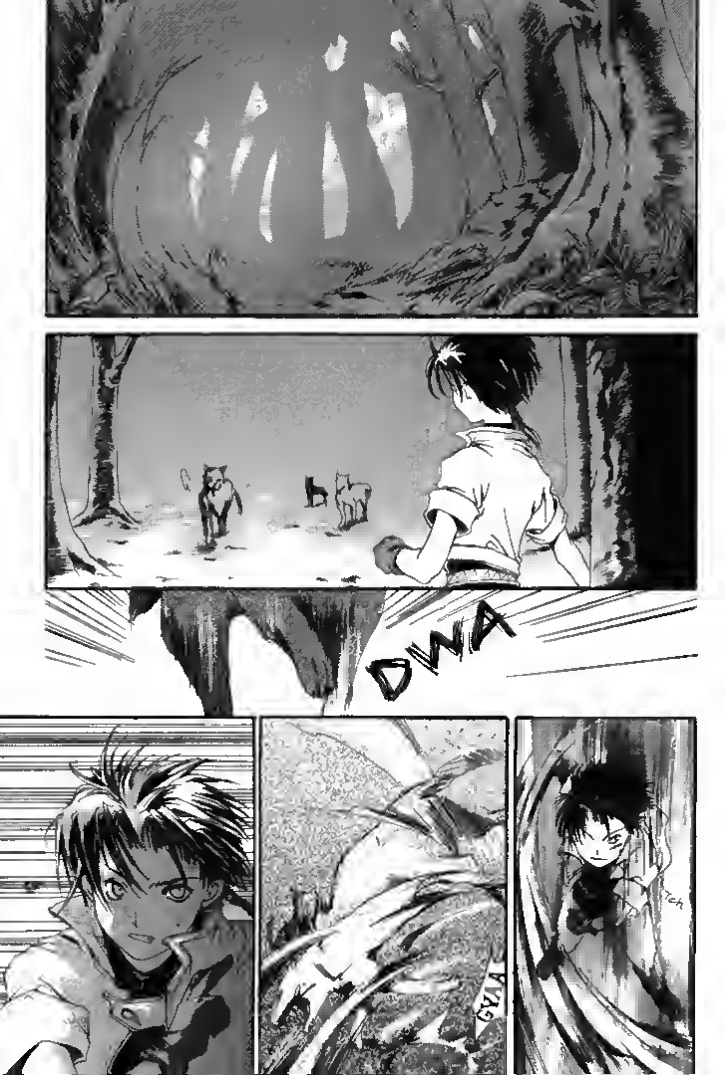
Looking above earth into the endless
wide and high...
There is a saying that up in the heavens
is a world inhabited by Gods.

Humans are suited to become a
Warrior for the God's World.
Once proven to be the holder of an
honourable soul, a Goddess - The Warrior
Virgin - will lead and show those the
way into the God's World, and yet
dead their souls will be given the
opportunity to walk
down the path of life.

Some will await the arrival of the
Goddess with burning anticipation,
Some will pray relentlessly for it,
Some will commence an excessive
physical and psychological training to
regain a higher self...

...and some will —

ACT 1
The Alchemist of the Moon shadow


DWA
GYAA

GRRRR
TAP
I KILL AND KILL BUT THERE SEEMS TO BE NO END IN SIGHT.
MASTER, COULDN'T YOU KINDA ...
slide
HEY...

MAST-
ER...
WATCH
OUT!!
HE
DOESN'T
MOVE
AWAY
WHA?

!!
DMM
MM
ARE— ARE YOU ALRIGHT MASTER?
HA- JUST— JUST IN TIME
Shh
waa

5 POINTS.
YOU HAVE WASTED TOO MUCH TIME AGAINST THESE LOW-LIFE CREATURES
WHA?
LOUIE FROM HERE ON YOU'LL TAKE CARE OF ALL THE MONSTERS THAT WE ARE GOING TO ENCOUNTER
WHAT?
!
THIS MAN IS MY MASTER A MAGICIAN AND A NECROMANCER, SIR LEZARD VALETH
WA WAIT FOR ME!!
MY MASTER'S STRONG MAGICAL POWERS AND DEEP KNOWLEDGE HAVE GUIDED ME DAY IN AND DAY OUT I'M LEARNING MANY THINGS

I HAVE TRAVELLED TO MANY REGIONS WITH MY MASTER BUT I HAVE NO IDEA WHAT OUR TRUE DESTINATION IS NOR DO I KNOW THE PURPOSE OF THIS JOURNEY
THOUGH MY MASTER SEEMS TO BE ACTING WITH SOME KIND OF A PURPOSE IN MIND
shu
ffle
HERE
BEFORE COMING INTO THE TOWN; WE PASSED THAT MONSTER INFESTED FOREST
THAT SURELY MUST AFFECT THE DAILY LIFE HERE— BUT THE TOWN SEEMS TO BE IN HIGH SPIRITS DOESN'T IT?
I MADE SOME TEA PLEASE FEEL AT HOME
OH YES. THANK YOU VERY MUCH!

"HERO"?
THAT'S BECAUSE THIS TOWN HAS ALEC... OUR "HERO".
OH,
clack
OH!
SO A HERO
HE'S AN INCREDIBLY STRONG SWORD FIGHTER AND EVEN THE ARMY OF THE CITY WOULD LIKE TO HAVE HIM IN THEIR RANKS.
THAT HERO OF YOURS, WHAT KIND OF A PERSON IS HE?

WITH THE PEOPLE OF THE TOWN HE'S CREATED A SELF DEFENCE FORCE AND ALWAYS STANDS AT THE FRONT AND CHARGES INTO THE ENEMY...
BUT HE REMAINS IN OUR TOWN, WHICH IS ALWAYS IN DANGER OF BEING ATTACKED BY THE MONSTERS
BUT.....
WHAT?
A GALLANT ACT OF A FOOL
WOW... THAT'S SOMETHING YOU CAN'T DO THAT EASILY
OKAY... I WISH YOU A RESTFUL STAY
BECAUSE OF THAT FOOL'S HEROIC EFFORT...
I MIGHT BE ABLE TO MEET THAT PERSON
LOUIE, CAN YOU GET SOME TEA FOR ME

DABA DABA DABA DABA
AAA!!
AHM...
THERE IS STILL TEA LEFT ON THE TABLE
...TEA!
NO NO NO!
ALRIGHT I GET IT. YOU WANT ME TO GO AND BUY YOUR FAVOURITE TEA, RIGHT?
THANK YOU
PUTTING UP WITH THAT EGOCENTRIC SELFISH MAN IS THE FATE OF BEING HIS APPRENTICE
HAAAAA
UGH!
I HAVEN'T EVEN CAUGHT MY BREATH SINCE WE ARRIVED AT THE INN AND I ALREADY HAVE TO RUN AROUND FOR HIM?!

"HERO" ALEC.
I WONDER WHAT KIND OF A MAN HE IS
DS
HHH
WOOF!
SORRY ABOUT THAT, BOY! I'M IN A HURRY!
CRASH
OOF!
WHO THE HELL WAS THAT? I'LL FOLLOW YOU TILL THE END OF THE WORLD AND MAKE YOU PAY FOR THIS!!!
NGGGG!
NOOO
MY STUFF !!
WHA
WHAT WAS THAT?

A FIGHT?
BAM
MAN... I'M WASTING PRECIOUS TIME BECAUSE OF THAT GUY
WHAT'S THE DEAL? THE PEOPLE ARE SO HYPED ABOUT THIS FIGHT
!!
GAA
AATZ
THAT GUY...

THAT'S THE ONE WHO RAN INTO ME!
GYU
FIGHT'S OVER GUYS! FEEL THE PAIN? HOPE YOU REGRET THE TROUBLE YOU CAUSED FOR THE PEOPLE AROUND YOU
OH, YOU STILL WANT TO CONTINUE? YOU'VE GOT COURAGE...
BUT!
NKH
IS HE STOPPING THE FIGHT OR MAKING IT WORSE
OH NO,
PUNCHED HIM INTO THE CROWD !
WHOA... HE'S COMING AT US!
YOU SHOULD COOL OF YOUR HEAD ON THE COLD GROUND FOR A LITTLE LONGER!
BA
DAM

BOO
OOH
THUD
!!
BUWA
THAT JUST NOW...

I DON'T CARE. YOU JUST PAY ME BACK FOR MY TEA!
HUH?
DIDN'T I JUST RUN INTO YOU...
HEY!
WHAAT-?
ARE YOU SAYING YOU'RE ALEC THE "HERO"?!
....NO, WELL— NOT REALLY, WHAT I IMAGINED OF A HERO MAYBE...
Many people say that to me hahaha!
HEY... YOU DIDN'T BELIEVE ME FOR A SECOND, EH?

HOWEVER... I'M SORRY I RUINED YOUR TEA. I GUESS IT WAS MEANT FOR YOUR MASTER, WASN'T IT?
THANKS FOR THE MAGIC BACK THERE... YOU'RE TALENTED FOR YOUR AGE
IT'S ALRIGHT NOW YOU GOT ME SOMETHING SIMILAR FOR IT
——YOU AS WELL
BUT AREN'T YOU THE HERO WHO TURNED DOWN THE OFFER FROM THE ARMY?
FU
NOWADAYS THERE SEEM TO BE PEOPLE CALLING ME HERO
CAN YOU BELIEVE PEOPLE CALLED ME TROUBLE MAKER OR GANG LEADER BEFORE?
YOU'RE STILL A TROUBLE-MAKER!
——YOU'VE GOT QUITE A MOUTH
Hehe!

FOREST...?
WELL, I JUST DON'T THINK IT'S SOMETHING FOR ME... AND ALSO THE FOREST IS HERE
—BUT STILL WHY DID YOU TURN DOWN THE OFFER FROM THE BIG CITY?
WHEN I WAS A KID I USED TO RUN AROUND THERE FROM MORNING TILL NIGHT
YOU MEAN THE ONE FILLED WITH MONSTERS?
WHEN YOU WERE A KID—? DOES THAT MEAN THE MONSTERS JUST APPEARED RECENTLY?
THAT FOREST TAUGHT ME MANY LIFE LESSONS... GOOD AND BAD KNOWLEDGE
—WELL, THEY'VE BEEN AROUND IN THE PAST TOO, BUT THEY NEVER USED TO ATTACK US. THAT WELL CALCULATED. THAT'S A RECENT THING... SINCE SOME POWERFUL CREATURE SETTLED DOWN THERE
MIXTURE WAS JUST RIGHT? JUST RIGHT...?
BEFORE, THE MIXTURE WAS JUST RIGHT KIND OF THRILLING

DON'T YOU HAVE ANY GOALS OR DREAMS?
UNTIL THEN I'M NOT GOING ANYWHERE!
MY GOAL AT THE MOMENT IS TO GET THAT FOREST BACK FROM THOSE MONSTERS
—!
OVER POWERING MAGICAL FORCE...
FOR SOMEONE AIMING TO BECOME A MAGICIAN HIMSELF THAT MAN...

YOUR MASTER MUST BE A GREAT MAN
—
—YOUR FACE SAYS IT ALL
THAT YOU ADMIRE HIM
IT'S A GOOD THING THAT BOTH OF OUR GOALS ARE SO CLEARLY IN FRONT OF US
YOU'RE RIGHT.

A MONSTER?
GIIIIIIII
HM?
FLYING AROUND SO FREELY DURING THE DAY...
I'LL DEFINITELY GET THEM OUT OF THIS FOREST...!!
ALEC?
IT DOESN'T LOOK LIKE IF IT'S GOING TO ATTACK THE TOWN...
BASA

—MAYBE A BIRD?
—A FEATHER?
—I SEE—
—AND SO IT WAS THERE I MET THE "HERO"!!

well.. that's because ah, that's
SO YOU ARE SAYING THAT'S WHY YOU'RE SO LATE?
OH THAT
I FOUND THAT WHEN I WAS WITH ALEC
IT'S BEAUTIFUL ISN'T IT?
WHAT HAVE WE GOT HERE
—AH WELL, WELL I GUESS I WAS CORRECT

HIS MOOD SUDDENLY CHANGED...?
...?
IT'S A WONDERFUL FULL MOON NIGHT
I HAVE TO SAY YOU'RE WELL PREPARED
I'VE BEEN YOUR APPRENTICE FOR A LONG TIME...
ELFIA
A WINE BOTTLE (RED).
HERE.
AT A TIME LIKE THIS A GLASS OF WINE....
CHEESE TO SNACK ON.
HERE.
SNA...

—IT FEELS LIKE TONIGHT'S GOING TO BE A LONG NIGHT....
Tap

NNN?

—NNN
WHAT'S ALL THE NOISE?

!!?

FWAP
—JEEZ IT'S STILL DARK

FUAA
—

WOOOOOOOOOOOO
MONSTERS!!
MAS-
TER..!
YOU'RE SAYING THAT YOU SAW A MONSTER DURING THE DAY THAT DIDN'T BOTHER TO ATTACK...

IT CAN'T BE...
!
THEY WERE PROBABLY SCOUTING FOR THIS ATTACK
GRRRR
HMPH
HEY WHERE ARE YOU GOING MASTER?
GUWOOOO
JAP

Ba ang

Phew

MASTER, WHERE ARE YOU GOING? THIS IS THE OUTER EDGE OF THE TOWN
HE STOPPED
MASTER...

!!?
-ALEC!!
!?
NURU
ARE YOU ALRIGHT?
—DID HE COME HERE AND THINK HE COULD STOP THE MONSTERS ALONE?

TAKE IT EASY!
.....
SH... IT UNTIL I DEFEAT THEM.
WITH THOSE WOUNDS HE WON'T SURVIVE
!!
SNAP
NO WAY...
!?
WATCH OUT!!

FU... ENTERING THIS RESPECTFUL PLACE WAS A MISTAKE YOU IMPURE CREATURES...
SU...
SHA
DOO
OON
NEIGHBOURHOOD DESTROYED
GH...
GREAT BUT MAYBE A TOUCH TOO MUCH--?
TCH... WORTHLESS BUNCH...

KA
SHA
AUTHOR
WATCH OUT FOR... WHAT?

ZDAAAAAANGG
!!
SHAAAAAAA
THE LEADER OF THOSE CREATURES!!!
WHAT...?!
IS... THAT?

IF I IF I COULD JUST KILL THAT ONE THE OTHER ONES WOULDN'T BE A PROBLEM ANYMORE
ALEC?!
YOU'RE IN NO CONDITION TO FIGHT!
I'M TELLING YOU!!
!?
GUUU
UUU
!!!

NO
DA..
DAMN YOU...
ZA
GET OUT OF MY SIGHT
BRRRRRR
UOOOOOOO
BAA
AAA

GYAAAA..
HEH
ZUD
!!!

DEAD?
KILLING IT BEFORE...
...MY OWN DEATH THAT'S PRETTY COOL DON'T YOU THINK?
...THAT'S IT ...BUT WELL...
WELL, ACTUALLY THERE ARE MANY THINGS
DON'T YOU HAVE ANYTHING LEFT THAT'S WORTH LIVING FOR?
PRETTY COOL? THERE'S NOTHING COOL ABOUT YOU DYING LIKE THIS. WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?
WHAAAT?
UHUH.
BUT YOU KNOW...

I FULFILLED ONE OF MY GOALS JUST NOW, I KNOW THAT THERE ARE MORE WAITING FOR ME, BUT I'VE LIVED MY LIFE TO THE FULLEST, DON'T YOU AGREE?
WELL ...
I WISH I COULD MOVE TOWARDS MY NEXT GOAL
SHIT!
NO

THE WARRIOR VIRGIN!?
—AT THAT MOMENT WITH BLINDING WHITE WINGS, THE ANGEL CAME DOWN FROM HEAVEN.
—IT CAME DOWN.
AND, THE GODDESS OF THE GOD'S WORLD, THE SOUL SEARCHER
I REMEMBER READING ABOUT HER IN ONE OF MY MASTER'S BOOKS.
VALKYRIE!
VALHAL, A LAND OF GODS HIGH UP IN THE SKY
AND, GUIDE THEM HIGH UP INTO THE HEAVENS
HE

ALEC'S SOUL!?
—HA HA WHAT A SURPRISE—
THAT THE VIRGIN WARRIOR WOULD APPEAR IN FRONT OF ME
COULD THIS...!!!
ft
FINALLY WE MEET.
—THERE AND THEN IT FIRST DAWNED ON ME
WHAT?
flap

WHAT MY MASTER'S JOURNEY WAS ALL ABOUT
I BEGAN TO UNDER-STAND
IT HAS BEEN A LONG TIME LENAS VALKYRIA

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ACT 2: The One We Seek

swish
swish

IT'S A PLEASURE TO MEET YOU AGAIN LENAS VALKYRIA.
LONG TIME NO SEE !!
step
...YOU AGAIN!
CLACK
!!

WHAT ARE YOU PLANNING THIS TIME?
IT FEELS LIKE MY MASTER AND THE VIRGIN WARRIOR HAVE MET EACH OTHER BEFORE!!!
WHAT DOES SHE MEAN
!?
HEH HEH HEH
!
I JUST FOLLOWED OUR HERO HERE AND WAITED FOR YOU — THERE IS NOTHING EVIL ON MY MIND
WHAT'S THEIR CONNECTION?
THESE TWO

—WELL, WELL, WELL, SUCH IMPOLITE WORDS...!
I DO NOT WISH TO SEE YOUR FACE...!!
—— BUT
I'M SO PLEASED TO SEE YOU AFTER SUCH A LONG TIME AND SO...
SLIP...
...MASTER?
...I HOPE YOU DON'T MIND STICKING AROUND FOR A WHILE.
!!

POP
splash
!?
POW
—WELL?
—WHAT'S ON YOUR MIND?

SLUP
FLOP
twitch
twitch
twitch
FLASH
WHA...!
ROAR
ROOOAR
THAT'S THE CREATURE WE JUST DEFEATED....!?
CLENCH

—YOU
HAVE USED A 'RAISING OF THE DEAD' SPELL !!
GR
IP
SWISH
HMPH.
—BEFORE YOU FLY BACK TO THE HEAVENS WITH YOUR SILVER WHITE WINGS...
GRR
RR
RR
TH!S IS THE ONLY WAY TO KEEP YOU DOWN HERE ON EARTH

I'LL BREAK THOSE WINGS OF YOURS
Rustle
SW
ISH
WOULD YOU LIKE TO FIGHT ME... VALKYRIA?
GRRRR
...SO
!

SFX: ROAR
WHOOOM
WHAT DO YOU THINK YOU'RE DOING MASTER?
WHAT A WASTE WE JUST DEFEATED THAT MONSTER

——JUST AS I THOUGHT. YOU LOOK EVEN MORE BEAUTIFUL WHEN YOU FIGHT.
HEH HEH HEH
?
SHOW ME MORE OF THAT BEAUTY OF YOURS ——
!
.....
THIS
IS MORE THAN JUST A PLAIN RELATION-SHIP THIS IS LIKE
He's not even listening to me
heh heh heh
WHO OOOO OSH

CRASH
BANG
KYU

!!?
STAB
SLASH
stagger!
step

EXCELLENT
clap clap clap
TH
UD
JUST AS I THOUGHT
glance
twitch
twitch
...I SHOULD HAVE FACED YOU MYSELF...
I GUESS I HAVE INSULTED YOU BY OFFERING SUCH A LOW LIFE CREATURE AS AN OPPONENT...
...I THINK...

—I TRULY DO NOT WANT TO HURT YOU AND HOPE YOU REMAIN CALM BUT...
!
hmph
RUSH
!!
PUSH
WHAM

KIIIIN
!!?
HOW ABOUT LEAVING IT AT THAT, YOU TWO?
—YOU ARE....
THAT'S IMPOSSIBLE YOU WERE JUST——!!
ALEC!?
I
Just like that...
S... SLIPPED OUT...
AH— I GUESS MY SOUL JUST SLIPPED OUT....

!!
AH...
drift
slip
hop
19
IT SEEMS THAT YOU WON'T LET YOURSELF BE CAUGHT IN THAT EASILY...
HEH
THE CHASE STARTS ALL OVER AGAIN
flip
flip

!
IF IT IS YOU
?
...
...HUH?
WHOO
SH
LOUIE!
Ah!
ALEC!!
CRASH

——IT LOOKS LIKE THE TOWN HAS SETTLED DOWN AGAIN..
I'LL BE GOING SOON AS WELL
GOING!?
—THERE'S NOTHING LEFT FOR ME TO DO HERE ANYMORE...
THE THREAT OF THE TOWN BEING ATTACKED BY MONSTERS AGAIN STILL REMAINS!!
IF YOU'RE GOING TO LEAVE...!
IT SEEMS LIKE YOU HAVE FORGOTTEN BUT I'M A PRETTY MUCH DEAD.
!!

Swish
Good luck.
Whoooosh...
Ah!
——ALTHOUGH IN YOUR CASE I GUESS IT WON'T BE THAT EASY
ha ha ha

CLATTER
THE TOWN HAS SETTLED DOWN FROM THE INCIDENT QUICKER THAN I THOUGHT
—I THINK THEY'LL BE SAFE FROM NOW ON
—ALL THIS—
IS BECAUSE OF THEIR SELF DEFENCE FORCE THAT THEY CREATED OVER THE YEARS
—THE SELF DEFENCE FORCE...CREATED?
.....

THIS IS MAYBE SOMETHING I SHOULDN'T BE ASKING... BUT WHAT'S THE PURPOSE OF THIS JOURNEY ?
Hello question...
Switch
BUT MASTER...
HAS IT MAYBE GOT SOMETHING TO DO WITH CHASING THE VIRGIN WARRIOR OR PERHAPS NOT?
Well that
you know, you know that...
STRAIGHT-FORWARD
YES, IT HAS.
AM I ACCOMPANYING HIM ON SUCH A JOURNEY —?!
THE APPRENTICE OF A STALKER!!?
AM I (OR AM I NOT) ....
blank gaze
GYAAAA... I KNEW IT! I HAD THIS BAD FEELING

!!
AH, HEY MASTER!
step
WHERE ARE YOU GOING?
TO THE NEXT TOWN OF COURSE
YEAH BUT...
IF WE WALK IN THAT DIRECTION WE'LL HAVE TO CUT THROUGH THE FOREST
THERE ARE STILL MONSTERS IN THAT FOREST...!
stare
LIRK
?
Are you tense?

uhuh
ah
sniff
swish
PLEASE, LOUIE, LEAD THE WAY
I THOUGHT IT WOULD BE THE PERFECT PLACE FOR CONTINUING YOUR TRAINING
EXCUSE ME?!
WHAaaa
WHAAT?!
swish

—HAS HE READ MY MIND OR WHAT?
THAT'S IMPOSSIBLE...!! IT'S AGAINST THE RULES. YOU CARRY SOME KIND OF GRUDGE AGAINST ME,...
TSU
UUN
stomp stomp stomp
stomp stomp
Rustle
Good luck
MASTER!!!!

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Act 3:
Daily Depression

BAA——AAM
hsssst
cough
cough
AHHH, OUCH...
UGH...

FAILED AGAIN WITH THIS MAGIC SPELL
Ouch
Haaaa...
Hmm...
STRANGE I'M SURE THAT I'M FOLLOWING THE INSTRUCTION BOOK THE RIGHT WAY
Fat
Fat
MR. LEZARD?

WHAT'S THE MATTER LOUIE?
DON'T YOU FEEL LIKE GIVING ME SOME ADVICE?! YOUR APPRENTICE IS FRUSTRATED
DON'T GIVE ME THAT "WHAT'S THE MATTER" TERM.

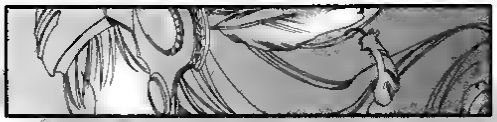
WHY?!
CR.ICK
~~~~
ADVICE?

YOU ARE MY "MASTER" AREN'T YOU ...!!
GAAAHH
~~~~

Ah!
SOR... SORRY I DIDN'T REALISE...!
SMACK
.....
—YES, A MASTER I AM...
WELL, IT'S LIKE THIS
STAB
Ugh
HAS A TREMENDOUS LACK OF "CONCENTRATION POWER"
SOMEONE WHO DOESN'T HAVE PATIENCE
STAB
STAB
Ugh
Ugh
Ugh
SHOWS JUST HOW "PSYCHOLOGICALLY IMMATURE" THEY ARE
SOMEONE WHO ALWAYS CRIES FOR HELP
KI
CK
STUCK
IS JUST PLAIN "PHYSICALLY UNFIT"
AND SOMEONE WHO GETS OUT OF BREATH WITH THIS SORT OF TRAINING

COMPLETELY SUNKEN
THAT'S THAT'S QUITE ENOUGH MASTER...
AND THERE IS ALSO
please stop!!
FIRSTLY YOU SHOULD TRY OUT EVERYTHING ON YOUR OWN BEFORE YOU ASK SOMEONE FOR HELP
sigh
AH
YES
I'M NOT ASKING FOR THAT SORT OF STUFF CAN'T YOU GIVE ME DIFFERENT ADVICE OR EVEN JUST A HINT——
ALTHOUGH
IF ALL GIFTED PEOPLE ARE LIKE HIM IT MAKES ME WONDER...
staggered
N... NO I'LL TRY TO THINK ABOUT IT A LITTLE MORE!!!
SHALL I TEACH YOU HOW TO DO IT...?
I GUESS IT'S MORE DIFFICULT TO UNDERSTAND FOR AN AMATEUR LIKE YOU
SNAP

THOUGH I FEEL IT'S LIKE AN EGOTISTICAL CHASE OF MY MASTER SOMETIMES
Whaaaaat! Why is it here? I'm better
Whaaaaat! There is a war raging in that place and it's too dangerous
IN SHORT THE GOAL IS TO MEET THE VIRGIN WARRIOR



AND, SILENTLY I'M FOLLOWING MY MASTER

I MYSELF AM ALSO FASCINATED BY THE VIRGIN WARRIOR

TO TELL YOU THE TRUTH IT WOULD MAYBE BE THE BEST TO STOP HIM BUT

WHOOO
OOO..
I thought we were going to a city!
WHERE THE HELL ARE WE !?
Flap
.....
MASTER THIS MIGHT BE AN INAPPROPRIATE QUESTION—
Flap
—I MEAN NOT THAT I'M COMPLAINING OR ANYTHING—

LET US STOP AT THAT VILLAGE IN FRONT OF US. TAKE A BREAK AND THEN FIX OUR POSITION ON THE MAP.
...THIS ALWAYS HAPPENS WHEN YOU RELY ON MAGIC FOR MOVING AROUND. SHEESH.

I COMPLETELY FORGOT THAT YOU SHOULDN'T FOLLOW THIS PERSON'S LEAD...

...THAT'S IF YOU'VE LIVED IN THAT SORT OF TOWER. THIS IS A LIFE OR DEATH ABILITY.
Ahahaha
—I REALISE THAT YOUR ABILITY TO FIND THE RIGHT DIRECTION IS QUITE GOOD

A "DROPLET OF A CHANCE" SITUATION?!
IF WE CONTINUE ALONG THESE ROADS WE MIGHT ENCOUNTER A "DROPLET OF A CHANCE" SITUATION LIKE LAST TIME

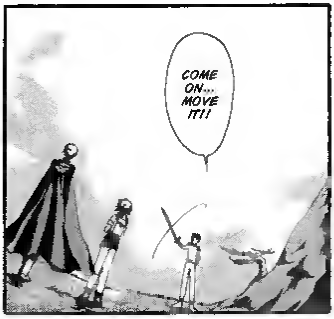
HOW ABOUT WE JUST FLY OVER WITH A MAGIC SPELL?

—I WONDER IF WE CAN GET A GOOD REST IN THIS VILLAGE
TH S WAS AN UNEXPECTED VOLT WE IK
MASTER LET'S HURRY AND REST IN THE VILLA.
!
WAAAAA
huh
THAT'S A SCREAM!?
WHAPP
!!

THOSE ARE RAIDERS?!
MASTER!!
IT LOOKS LIKE THAT THOSE FOOLS WENT IN FIRST AND CREATED AN UNWANTED SITUATION.
——!

M-MASTER!!!
IN THIS CASE WE SHOULD GO AROUND THIS PLACE IF WE DON'T WANT TO CREATE A FUSS
STOMP
YOU— WHAT ARE YOU GUYS DOING THERE?
!?
SHING

WHAT'S ALL THIS HIDING AND WHISPERING ABOUT?
SWISH
WHOA... YOU'D BETTER NOT MOVE
WHM



I CAN REALLY FEEL THAT MY MASTER IS GETTING PISSED OFF MORE AND MORE BY THE MINUTE !

OH MY GOD

MR BANDIT... I HOPE YOU'RE NOT DOING ANYTHING SILLY BECAUSE YOU'D JUST BE OPENING THE GATES OF A LIONS DEN

THEY WERE OBSERVING US FROM BEHIND THAT BUILDING...
LOOK AT THEM. THEY HAVE NO DECENT EQUIPMENT ON THEM.
HM. A BOY AND A FRIENDLY LOOKING FELLOW TRAVELLERS EH?
MAN... THEY MUST BE ON SOME SORT OF A VACATION TRIP...
Hua hua hua hua
WE WON'T TAKE YOUR LIVES AS LONG AS YOU GUYS BEHAVE YOURSELF
How about you
Are you okay?

WE ARE...
TAX COLLECTORS
WE'VE BEEN HIRED BY SOMEONE WHOSE PURPOSE IS OF VERY HIGH AMBITION
YOU KNOW...
!?
TAX COLLEC-TORS
!!
I THINK PEOPLE LIKE YOU WHO MISUSE THE TERM "TAX COLLECTOR" DON'T REALLY HAVE ANY IDEA HOW TO EVEN SPELL THE WORD "AMBITION" OR AM I WRONG
HEH HEH

WHY DO YOU HAVE TO IRRITATE THEM LIKE THAT . ?
WHA... YOU THERE!
I WANTED TO RELEASE YOU WITHOUT HARM BUT I THINK I CHANGED MY MIND
I'LL SHOW YOU WHAT HAPPENS WHEN YOU MESS WITH US
WHAMM
!!
THEY'RE TRAVELLERS AND DON'T BELONG TO THIS VILLAGE!
IT'S THEIR FAULT THEY'RE HERE
Bang
YOU WILL SOON UNDERSTAND

—IF YOU CAN.
I'D REALLY WOULD LIKE TO SEE WHAT YOU WANT US TO UNDERSTAND.
...HMM—— YOU WERE SAYING WE'D SOON UNDERSTAND WHAT?
!?
THIS WON'T END WITH JUST THE RAIDERS GONE FROM THE FACE OF THE WORLD.
MASTER!!
LET ME HANDLE THIS— I MEAN PLEASE LET ME DO THIS!
Ah!
I ALSO WANT TO SHOW YOU THE RESULT OF MY HARD TRAINING!
...
GRAB!
HE'S DEAD SERIOUS...
Shake
Thump Thump

!!
THE BOY IS GOING TO CHALLENGE US? ARE YOU SERIOUS?

Shhh...

Thud
TO TELL YOU THE TRUTH I REALLY DON'T WANT TO TAKE CARE OF YOU GUYS...
BUT AS AN APPRENTICE I CAN'T JUST CALMLY WATCH MY MASTER LOOSE HIS TEMPER

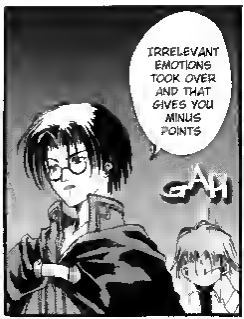
—WELL, I DON'T THINK ANYTHING WILL HAPPEN ALONG THE LINE OF "DEATH".
HEH
YOU HAVE TO STOP YOUR FRIEND OTHER-WISE...
I'LL PLAY WITH YOU FOR A WHILE...
SWISH
clank
LOOKS LIKE YOU'RE REALLY SERIOUS AFOUT THIS
KID, GO HOME AND GO TO BED!

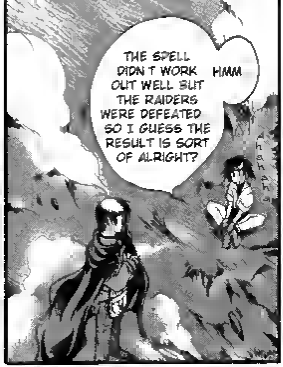
FLAP
ZWING
!!
A SPELL!?
THIS GUY'S A MAGE!?
ZAP ZAP ZAP
UWAH!

!!
UTSU
AT SU
HIS
NO PROBLEMS WITH THIS MAGIC BUT...
GET HIM BEFORE HE USES THE NEXT SPELL!
—SHIT
THE PROBLEM WITH THIS ONE...
lick
SFX: BAM

Wooooo
CONCENTRATE... ONE MIND....
!!?

SLAM
GWAAH!!
SFX SMASH
YOUR LEVEL OF CONCENTRATION WAS GOOD BUT IT WENT BEYOND THE LEVEL OF YOUR CONTROL TOO LITTLE TOO MUCH TRY TO MAKE UP YOUR MIND
Wait! Wait!
HUH?
HE'S AMA-ZING !!
...FOOL...
BAAANG
I FAILED AGAIN?
Stomped


IRRELEVANT EMOTIONS TOOK OVER AND THAT GIVES YOU MINUS POINTS
GAH


THE SPELL DIDN'T WORK OUT WELL BUT THE RAIDERS WERE DEFEATED SO I GUESS THE RESULT IS SORT OF ALRIGHT?
HMM
SPLAT

UNGH

YES?

EX EXCUSE ME, TRAVELLERS!!

I'M SORRY TO ASK YOU SO SUDDENLY ...
EXCUSE ME?
tch

COULD YOU HELP US WITH THOSE POWERS. ?
!!

...THEY ATTACK THE VILLAGE, TRADERS AND TRAVELLERS WITHOUT MERCY... AND CAUSE US HUGE PROBLEMS.
RECENTLY A NUMBER OF RAIDERS HAVE APPEARED IN THIS AREA...
Here
Thank you
FROM WHAT YOU HAVE SEEN I THINK YOU MIGHT UNDERSTAND....
glurp
I KNOW THIS WILL CAUSE A LOT OF INCONVENIENCE ON YOUR SIDE BUT WE REALLY NEED YOUR HELP
!
THE MILITARY COULD DO SOMETHING ABOUT THIS BUT THEY DON'T WANDER OUT INTO THESE FORGOTTEN AREAS
!!?
THE LEADER OF THE RAIDERS IS EXTREMELY STRONG...
THERE ARE RUMOURS THAT HE MIGHT HAVE BEEN A SOLDIER OR SOMETHING LIKE THAT
THIS IS SO...
BANG
AH UM...
THERE ARE ALSO SAYINGS...
NONSENSE
Flash
I SEE... I KNEW IT'D BE SOMETHING LIKE THIS...

!!?
I MEAN HE'S A BAD MAN WHY SHOULD SOMETHING LIKE THAT HAPPEN TO HIM?
THAT HE HAS APPARENTLY SEEN THE WARRIOR PRINCESS BEFORE I DON'T BELIEVE THAT
...!
OH REALLY...
HE'S NOT...?!!!

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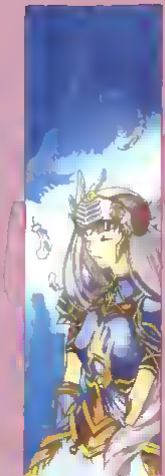

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HMM... SOUNDS LIKE THEY MUST BE PRETTY TOUGH...
Clink

SO, YOU'RE SAYING THAT THE BANDITS THAT ATTACK THIS VILLAGE HAVE MET WITH THE WARRIOR PRINCESS?

MAY I ASK YOU TO EXPLAIN THE DETAILS OF THIS?
MISTER...

PLEASE WON'T YOU HELP US!!
...

WE WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR HELP!
WAIT
WAIT A SECOND
DOES THIS MEAN THAT SOMETHING BAD IS GOING DOWN SOON...
THE WARRIOR PRINCESS *?
DOES SHE REALLY HAVE ANYTHING TO DO WITH THEM...?

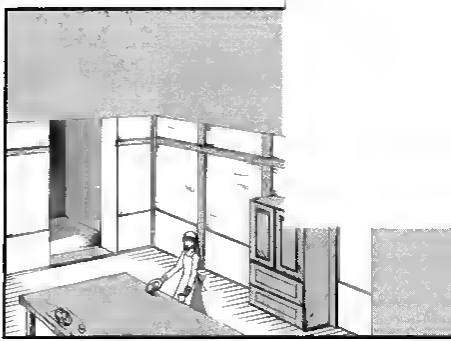
DASH
SURPRISE
!
SO
YOU'RE SAYING THAT YOU WERE BEAT BY SOME PUNK KID AND CAME BACK HERE WITH YOUR TAILS BETWEEN YOUR LEGS!?

...
AND ON TOP OF THAT, HE HAD SOMEONE HE CALLED "MASTER" OR SOMETHING BACKING HIM UP.
H-HE'S NOT JUST A KID, HE'S A MAGIC USER
!!
DON'T WORRY ABOUT IT
HOWEVER, TO PULL BACK NOW WOULD BE DISHONORABLE...
IT JUST WOULDN'T BE VERY POLITE...

MASTER
ARE YOU REALLY GOING TO GO ALONG WITH THE VILLAGERS REQUESTS?
WELL I DOUBT THAT THE WARRIOR PRINCESS IS REALLY WITH THOSE BANDITS

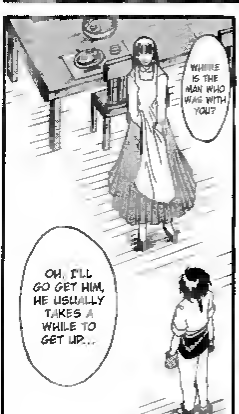
IF THERE ISN'T ANYTHING TO BE GAINED FROM THIS WE CAN JUST DEFEAT THE BANDITS AND COME BACK HERE.
BUT, I HAVEN'T BEEN EXPECTING US TO BENEFIT TOO GREATLY FROM THIS SITUATION FROM THE BEGINNING
SO...
!?
HE'S SAYING IT LIKE IT'S NO BIG DEAL
TOMORROW I HAVE TO STOP HIM FROM DOING ANYTHING RECKLESS AT ALL COSTS!

YAWN



IS IT ALREADY MORNING?
eh
Yeah

I WONDER IF I COULD TRICK HIM INTO THINKING WE RE GOING TO THE BANDIT'S HIDEOUT BUT ACTUALLY TAKE HIM SOMEWHERE ELSE


WHERE IS THE MAN WHO WAS WITH YOU?
OH, I'LL GO GET HIM, HE USUALLY TAKES A WHILE TO GET UP...

YOUR BREAKFAST IS READY. PLEASE HELP YOURSELF.
EXCUSE ME....

BUT MASTER SEEMS LIKE HE IS KIND OF LOOKING FORWARD TO THIS.

HE'S ALWAYS IN A BAD MOOD IN THE MORNING
creak
creak
creak
creak
I HAD BETTER GO IN QUIETLY
OPEN
MASTER BREAKFAST IS READY!
!?
BAM
WHAT WAS THAT SHOCK?
VZZZZT
WHAT WAS THAT?!

WAS IT THEM THAT JUST CAUSED THE EXPLOSION
IT CAN'T BE... AN EXPLOSION?!
IT'S THOSE GUYS FROM YESTERDAY!
I HEARD THAT THERE'S TWO MAGIC USERS HERE THAT GAVE SOME OF MY MEN TROUBLE YESTERDAY
I CAME TO RETURN THE FAVOR
WOULD YOU BE SO KIND AS TO COME OUT HERE?

I GUESS THIS MEANS I M NOT GOING TO BE ABLE TO TAKE MASTER SOMEWHERE ELSE
WE HAVEN'T EVEN BEEN ABLE TO ORGANIZE A COUNTER-ATTACK!!
LOUIE, THE BANDITS
GEH
MR. LEZARD
!
CREAK
NO
WELL I GUESS SINCE I M GOING TO GO AHEAD YOU CAN STA-
AND NOW IT LOOKS LIKE HE S REALLY P SSED-
AFTER THEY'VE COME ALL THE WAY HERE TO SEE ME DON'T YOU THINK IT WOULD BE RUDE TO TURN THEM DOWN?
I GUESS THERE S NO STOPPING HIM
MASTER

SO YOU'RE FINALLY HERE HUH?
Step

SHALL WE TAKE THIS SOMEWHERE ELSE?
WE'RE COMPASSIONATE PEOPLE AND WE HAVE NO INTENTION OF DESTROYING THIS CITY.

SOMETHING ABOUT HIS EXPRESSIONLESS TONE MAKES ME EVEN MORE FRIGHTENED

I REALLY DON'T CARE ABOUT THE LOCATION, BUT I'D LIKE TO GET THIS OVER WITH QUICKLY

WELL SHALL WE BEGIN?
GRAB
SO SUDDENLY!?
SWISH

TSK!
BA
M
HUP
I SEE
FLASH
TOO EASY
tttttt
zztttt
clatter

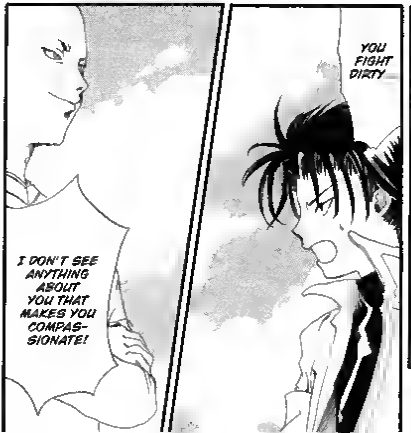
c-cough
c-cough
sick

UWA-!!

EVEN THOUG- I SHOULD HAV BEEN ABLE TO BLOCK THAT DID THE BLAST COME FROM A DIFFERENT DIRECTION
cough
WHAT JUST HAPPENED?!

SFX: BANG!BAM

SINCE I VE SET UP EXPLOSIVES ALL OVER THIS ENTIRE AREA
YOU SHOULD BE A LITTLE MORE CAREFUL


I DON'T SEE ANYTHING ABOUT YOU THAT MAKES YOU COMPAS-SIONATE!
YOU FIGHT DIRTY

HEY!!
IF YOU USE YOUR MAGIC POORLY YOU'LL PROBABLY JUST END UP HURTING YOURSELF

...HUH?
WE'RE JUST COLLECTING TAXES!
WE DON'T STEAL THINGS FROM PEOPLE
THAT'S RIGHT... WE HAVE FORMED A GROUP OF WARRIORS,
IN ORDER TO PROTECT THE PEOPLE OF THIS PROVINCE
AS THE GUARDIANS OF THIS PROVINCE, I THINK IT ONLY REASONABLE FOR THOSE WE PROTECT, TO PAY US IN TAXES
WITHOUT US THE PEOPLE OF THIS PROVINCE WOULD BE SUBJECT TO ANYONE WHO MAY COME HERE AND ATTACK OR ROB THEM
HA HA HA
HA HA HA
THIS GUY IS JUST A TOTAL IDIOT...
DOES HE NOT REALIZE THAT HIS TRAIN OF THOUGHT MAKES NO SENSE AT ALL?!
MISTER
WHATEVER THE CASE IS, IT DOESN'T REALLY MATTER...
GASP
!!
SO IT SEEMS THE PERSON I'M FIGHTING IS COMPLETELY STUPID
WHY WOULD A GUY LIKE HIM EVEN-

I WOULD LIKE TO ASK IF YOU HAVE EVER MET WITH THE WARRIOR PRINCESS
!
WHETHER YOU ARE BANDITS OR SELFLESS WARRIORS IT REALLY DOESN'T MATTER TO ME
YEAH, WE HAVE
!!
HE JUST GOES STRAIGHT TO THE POINT DOESN T HE !?
SHIRK

SHE WAS BEAUTIFUL CLAD IN ARMOR. SHE SWEPT DOWN AND FOLDED HER PERFECTLY WHITE WINGS
IT WAS DURING A BATTLE IN WHICH I WAS FIGHTING AS A MERCENARY...
THE SECOND HER FEET MET THE GROUND HER EYES MET MINE SHINING MORE BRILLIANTLY [illegible] JEWEL
HER SKIN WAS SMOOTH WHITE AND SO BEAUTIFUL. HER LIPS WERE A VIBRANT RED, LIKE A PERFECT ROSE...
FROM THAT MOMENT I KNEW I WOULD NEVER FORGET THE APPEARANCE OF THE WARRIOR PRINCESS

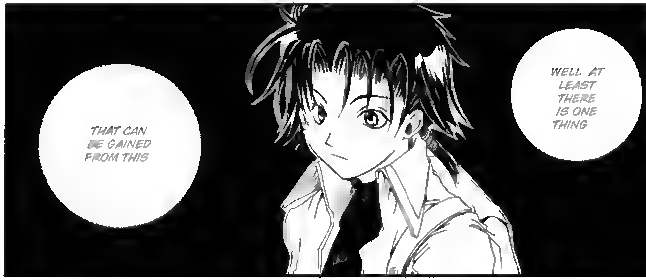
THUMP
I THOUGHT YOU JUST MADE UP THAT STORY TO MAKE US LOOK BETT-
DID YOU REALLY MEET THE WARRIOR PRINCESS!? SUCH A DETAILED DESCRIPTION...
AND I
B—AM
FOR US TO ACHIEVE OUR NOBLE ASPIRATIONS IT'S NECESSARY TO TELL A FEW LIES EVERY NOW AND THEN!
ha ha
ha ha
...
YOU MORON! THEY WEREN'T SUPPOSED TO KNOW!
NOW YOU'VE GONE AND MADE US LOOK BAD!
GULP
POP
WHOOO
OOOSH
POP

!!?
SFX: SMASH
Extermination.
I have no further use for them.
SFX: WHOOSH
WHOOOOOSH
WOOOO
POP
EH?

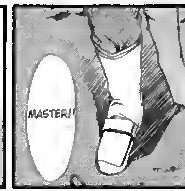
BANG
BANG
BANG
BANG
BANG
CRAP, WE FILLED THIS WHOLE AREA WITH EXPLOSIVES...
HIYAA
KABO-
AAAAH!
OM
UGH
MASTER!! ARE YOU ALRIGHT?
EVEN THOUGH YOU KNEW THE DANGER OF THE EXPLOSIVES BURIED UNDER THE GROUND YOU, YOU DIDN'T HESITATE
OW OW OW THAT HURT

DO YOU REALLY THINK THEIR STUPID TRAPS COULD POSSIBLY HARM ME ..?
HA HA HA
——!
WELL SHALL WE HEAD BACK

THANK YOU SO MUCH!!
NOT AT ALL! IT WAS OUR PLEASURE, AFTER ALL, YOU DID GIVE US A REWARD...
WE WILL BE ON OUR WAY THEN
HUH?
HA HA HA.
ALRIGHT!
WE GOT SOME MONEY FOR THE ROAD, AND WE GOT TO HELP PEOPLE!!
SIGH...
THIS SUCKS WE'RE GOING ON A STUPID WILD GOOSE CHASE


THAT CAN BE GAINED FROM THIS
WELL. AT LEAST THERE IS ONE THING

I WANT TO TRY THAT SPELL I KEPT FAILING. JUST ONE MORE TIME


MASTER!

AFTER WATCHING YOU FIGHT, I THINK I MIGHT HAVE LEARNED THE TRICK TO IT...

WHAT COULD HAVE POSSIBLY CHANGED FROM YESTERDAY TO TODAY?

I HAVE A FEELING THAT I WILL BE ABLE TO DO IT NOW!

NO MATTER WHAT HAPPENS I WON'T HESITATE FOR A SECOND
THIS TIME I DON'T THINK THERE'S EVEN A MINUTE CHANCE OF ME FAILING
MAGIC THAT COMES FROM AN UNSHAKABLE CONFIDENCE IS STRONG
WELL, I GUESS IF I KEEP A POSITIVE ATTITUDE I STILL MIGHT BE ABLE LEARN A THING OR TWO
ALRIGHT! LET'S HEAD TO OUR NEXT DESTINATION!
BEFORE WE GET MIXED UP IN ANOTHER WEIRD SITUATION
HA HA HA
NO! UHM, IT'S NOTHING!
IS SOMETHING FUNNY?